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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 7.

Part B for September 1940.

SUBJECT.

Renovation of Sri Iswara Temple at Chickmagalur.

Ly. O. No. 356, 9 & 20.8.40.
Mr. Secy. Rai Sahib Commissioner
" Superintending Engineer
" Chief Engineer
" Dy. Coml. Kasaragod
Sanctions a grant of Rs 4000/-

WD 0578—GPB—22,500—12-9-39

17-9-40.

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Dharmapravartha

M. L. Nagappa Setty and three brothers

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Pray for a short interview in an important public ~~meeting~~ Matter

ERAL SECRETARY
29 JUNE 1939

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28/6/39

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This marked portion
a portion of this relates
to Madras - Bombay
of this Bill
to Government

DEWAN'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, ...

Grant to Sri Ishwara Temple near Chickanayakanahalli

General and Revenue Secretariat — File No 403 of 1938 — [App F III-2

Serial No.

Petition dated 26.6.1939
From Mr M.L. Kodanda Rao,
Carpenter and Merchant,
Chickanayakanahalli

Requests for a liberal grant from the State Funds for the construction of the Sri Ishwara Temple on the Chickanayakanahalli-Hanbyere Road through the Panchayat, free of establishment, stamps and Bank charges, and also in the temple being managed by the Inspector of Religious Endowments.

Remarks on the Petition

This is a good object, in restoring the temple. The Hony Commissioner may enquire and give a little help he can.

Sd/- M.V.G
28-6-39

A draft of the M.O is enclosed. Before issue of the draft, the Petition will be sent to the E.M. Branch for taking an extract regarding construction of the Surgical theatre in the Krishnarajanagara Municipal Hospital and Chikanayakanahalli (vide page 5 of the Petition).

Hony Commissioner for Religious Endowments is requested to enquire and report.

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Inward Inland Letter acc. file returned to Hony Commr

Sd/- 1/7/39

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Subd for orders with reference

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3 JULY 1939

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The Hungund Court in Bijapur

M 33 Orders 7.7.39

calls for a report on the petition

This is a case in which an

urgent report was called for. No reply

has been received in the matter. Pl

orders if a reminder may issue

now or if the joint enquiry already

may be waited

Bijapur 10.8.39

Reminder for orders if a reminder

may now be sent —

Admitted in Judgt.

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understood to have written to the D.C. Kohat
to obtain it immediately. The
petition against said petition will be awaited
if offered. — 18 Jan
GS(I)/40 6.1.60

19 The original petition has not
yet been received. Advice D.O.
reminder is issued.
20 Jan
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to the Asstt to Mily Com

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D.O. No C 47/39.60 & 17 L/60
from the Asstt to the Mily. Com
stating that the original petition
with the counter petition will be sent from
Kohat is called for by D.C. Kohat.
(A/Cabd for perusal. The receipt
of the petition will be advised if offered
22 Jan 1960

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D.O. letter No C 47/39.60 & 17 L/60
from the Asstt to M.C in Mily
Reference to original petition
the D.C. Kohat the Mily is called
for.

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23 The main request of M. C. Keshava Murthy of Chickamagalur is that the Sri Sharada temple at Chickamagalur may be renovated in the interest of the devotees of the temple at general and of the members of his family in particular. He has offered a donation of Rs 15,000/- for this purpose and has requested for a liberal grant from State funds therefor. The local Executive Engineer has prepared plan and estimate for Rs 38,000 in consultation with the Govt. Architect. This estimate includes the items noted below:

(1)	Temple and Surrounding,	20,250
(2)	Stores, Quarters etc	10,006
(3)	other Superstructures	2,000
(4)	Contingencies	1664
(5)	Tools, Plant & establishment charges	4080
	Total	38,000

24 The Mysore Corporation has suggested that the expenditure of Rs 10,006 on accommodating items noted in Serial (2) above may be omitted for the present. The Executive Engineer has estimated that the establishment charges and plant charges may be limited to Rs 14,100. Deducting this amount, the net amount with proposed reduction is

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about Rs. 24,000/- The Mysuru Commr has also stated that a grant of Rs 5000 may be sanctioned from the State Funds for the purpose, making the total amount to Rs 20000 to be utilised for the purpose. He has further proposed that the estimate may be passed to Rs 20,000/- in all. The petitioner has stated that the temple in question is a Mysuru institution but from the lists of Mysuru institutions available in the branch, the name of this temple is not found among the Main, Minor or village institutions.

(25) Point for order:-

(i) Acceptance of the donation of Rs 15000/- made by the Kodimatha Swamy;- put to Govt

(2) Grant of Rs 5000 from State Funds;

(3) Sanction of the estimate for Rs 20000 and to keep the expenditure within the limits of the provision available for the purpose.

(26) Reasons: Paras 2 and 6 supra

(27) The R.C.'s proposals may be sanctioned & a grant of Rs 5000 sanctioned

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Annual Sri Ishwara [illegible] temple at Chickmagalur

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GENERAL SECRETARY. 22 JAN. 1940 4595

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL 22 JAN 1940 No. 5856

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL 31 JAN 1940 No. 6198.

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In the name of [illegible]

[illegible]

Secy

2nd member

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Please bring up

29 Has the amt been deposited?

30 Can we [illegible] to make a Rs 500/-?

[illegible]

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[illegible]

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Draft as [illegible] with [illegible] for order

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31.1

2nd Member

[illegible]

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1639 closed 5.2.1940

The Mysore Commissioner states that [illegible] the [illegible] is favourable [illegible] he does not [illegible] with you.

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[illegible] to C4/154-60 dt. 11.6.60

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(5) In his letter dated 30th December 1939 the Mungrai Commissioner had requested orders on the points noted below.

(i) Acceptance of the donation of Rs 15000/- made by Sh Kashalia Mudy Setty;

(ii) Grant of a sum of Rs 5000/- from State Funds for the work, as Govt contribution; and

(iii) preparation of a revised estimate for Rs 20,000/- so as to keep the cost of the estimate within the limits of the provision available for the purpose.

The Mungrai Commissioner was told by Govt to submit the case again after the amount of Rs 15000 promised by Sh Kashalia Mudy Setty was actually deposited by him. He was further informed regarding the Govt grant for the works that the full sum

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of Rs 5000/- can not be made as recommended by him and that the utmost that can be thought of is an amount similar to the one given to the Sri Ganapathi Temple at Chickanayakanahalli. With reference to this the Mysore Commissioner has now reported that the Kasbah Munsif has deposited the sum of Rs 12000/- on the 20th May 1940 and has solicited orders on his proposal referred to above.

(36) So far as the Govt grant made to the Sri Ganapathi Temple is concerned it is stated that a total contribution of Rs 1820 was allowed to the Temple as detailed below.

(a) Rs 630/- on account of Waiving off Establishment, tools and plant charges on the estimate of Rs 600 sanctioned in G.O. dated 8th May 1935 for the Temple constructed.

(b) Rs 1000/- as State Grant towards the estimated cost of Rs 3750 for constructing a kitchen and a Yagasala to the Temple (vide G.O. dated 28.9.1936); and

(c) Rs 190 sanctioned by the Mysore Commissioner in February 1939 for meeting a moiety of the cost of the estimate for the electrification of the Temple.

(37) Against the State Grant of Rs 5000 proposed

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by the Mysore Commissioner, only a sum of Rs 1820/- or Rs 2000 may perhaps be conditionally sanctioned as State grant from the Land Mysore Funds for 1940-41 for the work in question. If this is done, the total amount available for the temple renovation will be Rs 17000 only and the estimate for the work should be further revised from Rs 20,000 to Rs 17000 to keep the cost of the work within the limits of the funds available for the purpose.

(38) The revised points for orders are: (i) acceptance of the donation of Rs 15'000 deposited by the Kesha Mutt Seth;

(ii) State grant for the purpose Rs 2000 to Rs 5'000; and

(iii) Preparation of revised estimate for Rs 15'000 plus the amount of the State grant.

(39) Submitted for orders with reference to para 32 supra.

40 The D.C. may perhaps in view that work not more than Rs 2000/- can be granted & that

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- X - Allotment for construction and Repairs of Mysore

Points for orders

Sri Ishwara temple at Chickamagalur

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The balance should be found by the donor

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As Mr Kesavamurthy Setty has given a decent donation viz Rs 15000 he will feel disappointed, if a suitable grant is not made from State funds. I think a grant of Rs 4000 may be made, payment being spread over two years, at Rs 2000 each year.

2nd Member)
42 I agree

43 This may be submitted to the Dewan for perusal. When I inspected the temple in May, I have instructed both the DC & the E.E as to the works that may be undertaken.

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Dewan)
44 Ms
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Renovation of Sri Ishwara temple Chickmanglur

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45 A draft G.O. sanctg is proposed. Affidavit is agd, a Dft intimating the M.C. as in the last portion of para 43 ante is put up for sanctn.

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TYPING SECTION 6 AUG. 1940 GEN. & REV. SECTT.

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35[illegible]-7 dated 20.8.40 7
the Municipal Comm
- Coondapur
- Chickmanglur
- D.C Kadur

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(49) A draft is perhaps with reference to para 47 supra

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(50) [illegible] 3/9

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The Municipal Comm

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From,
M.L. Keshava Murty of
Messrs. M. Lachiasetty & Sons.,
Coffee Planters & Merchants,
CHIKMAGALUR.

To,
Amin-Ul-Mulk Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., C. St.J.
Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Most Honoured Sir,

SRI ISWARA TEMPLE.

I deem it a previlege in writing this letter (1694) to you and have great pleasure in doing so at the instance of my mother and myself in connection with the renovation of the most ancient and important temple of this town known as ISWARA TEMPLE which is a Muzarai Institution.

I suppose you know where this temple is situated. It is lying in between the old and new Sandalkoti to either side of it on the Chikmagalur-Mudigere road. By the old Sandalkoti I mean the present district board property. The residential quarters of the District Forest Officer is attached to the temple premises. The temple faces to the East with its open yard extending upto the maidan of district playing grounds presenting a grand sight quite oppoite to the District office and Deputy Commissioner's bungalow and optholmic hospital and other buildings such as travellers bungalow, club etcetra. This is the main temple of this town worshipped and followed by a majority of all Hindu communities. The temple is so ancient the origin of which is not known. Historically it is said to have been known from Hoisalla and Ballalla period over a 1000 years ago. The diety of Darmastalla which you visited during your recent South Kanara tour when my brother Mr. M.L. Nagappasetty had the previlege of accom-panying you. This diety is our family diety in as much as the diety of Darmastala. It is the belief among the devotees that the image is not one of installation but of natural growth although a pedestal has been formed and shaped. People have a great faith in the temple. Around the temple in the premises there is a groove of sacred Aswatha trees underneath of which there are several platforms where the idols of snake Gods are

are installed around the trees in a circle and worshipped from generations. It may not be out of place to mention in this connection that our late father Mr. M. Lachiasetty had also installed a snake God after the observance of which my first two brothers Messrs. Nagappa Setty and Subraya Setty were born and named appropriately after the synonyms of snake God "NAGAPPA" and "SUBRAYA". You can therefore understand our sentiment and devotion to this temple.

3 In my humble self as an humble devotee I was moved some years ago by the dilapidated condition of the temple structure which is almost coming down from its old and rotten bamboo and country tiled roofing and mud walls including the outer portions of the shrine. Hence it was my long cherished thought to get this temple reconstructed in a decent fashion with proper arrangements for its management to the benefit of public worship and other uses such as festivals, marriages, visit of pilgrims and social gatherings etcetra as an act of public service by our family contribution along with Government help and co-operation whenever time and opportunity arose in honour of our parents befitting with their most orthodox life, faith and devotion in the diety through whom I acquaired this inspiration.

4 This idea became stronger in my mind since the innovation of Sri Ganapathi Temple and my taking charge of the domestic worship since father's illness. It grew more vigorous after his demise and completion of Sri Ganapathi temple to associate this act of service quite appropriately as Lord Ganesha or Siva is the father of God Ganesha.

5 While it was thus working in my mind as to how and when to shoulder and move this subject which was my daily prayer if I may mention it, circumstances so happened to announce my sentiments at the said temple in a most opportune and auspicious occasion on the night of 2nd instant at Mangalarathi to where I happened to go quite unexpectedly when the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ganapathi Iyer and prominent citizens and devotees were present in a large gathering in connection with a ceremony called ASTABANDHA observed in the temple for 3 days by the

purohits of Sringéri Mutt and concluded on the 2nd instant. Astabandana is a ceremony connected with fixture of the image and it appears this had given way and said to have been particularly noticed by one leading advocate Mr. Kalsa Krishnarao of this place and by the efforts of him and some others with the public co-operation, arrangements were made for the functions without which the diety could not be worshipped.

6 My announcement was such a surprise to one and all that were present and to my people at home because there was never any talk or topic over it and had not even mentioned to my brother Mr. M.L. Nagappasetty who was present on the spot. It was spontaneous in the spur of the moment, if I may say so, through inspiration at the foot of the diety himself to give expression to my inherent thoughts and everyone appreciated especially the Deputy Commissioner who said that it was a Devine thought rightly on the occassion and saving that no service is greater than service to God. They all encouraged me with their best wishes and support towards this accomplishment. All my brothers agreed with me and when I mentioned the whole story to my mother, she was so immensely pleased and to her surprise it was a miracle because she said it was her desire to do something to the temple and she was in fact considering on the previous day to consult all of us brothers in the matter. It is no exaggeration in these circumstances I was simply acting under the inherent currents of her thoughts and of the departed soul of late father. It now remains for me very little Sir, to say further about the sentiments of our family for the accomplishment of this object for benefit of the public worship and conveniences.

7 It has been the earnest desire of the mother and all of us to start and complete this work during the life time of our dear old mother but it is no easy thing to expect to do anything by ones own efforts and especially without the co-operation of the Government with their sympathy and generous help and also by Sringerimutt in such religious institutions. Hence I have taken the instructions of my mother to approach you with this letter and have taken the liberty of doing so as you have been our kind

personal family friend, by your sympathy and love generously shown and extended in all our acts of public services and benefit which were achieved only through your luckyhand and guidance.

8 I intended to forward this proposal through the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ganapathy Iyer with his recommendations so kindly promised but I have obtained his permission to submit to your goodself through my brothers Messrs. M.L. Nagappasetty and M.L. Manjanatha Setty who are now in Bangalore as they themselves are not aware of all these details and that such a letter was proceeding from me. I was thinking of moving this subject and consult my brothers before they started to Bangalore for M.L.C. meeting etcetra but I could not do so at the moment as I was feeling unwell and through other distractions. Therefore I have now requested them for their approval of this move and to meet you personally and represent in the matter. I dont know if my brother has already made any mention of this in his interviews if any.

9 Now it is our earnest prayer in folded hands to request you to kindly stretch your generous and lucky hand (Amrutha Hasta) to this scheme of fulfilling our object by a liberal grant from the benign government of our benevolent Maharaja by your and His Highnesses blessings with all the necessary help and arrangements for the construction of the temple through Public Works Department free of tools and implements and manage the same under the Muzarai department.

10 As regards the donation that would be contributed by our family, I have not yet decided exactly because it is not possible without an idea of the nature of construction, plan and estimate and this question has not been yet consulted amongst my brothers. Therefore I request in the meantime a plan and estimate may kindly be got through the Deputy Commissioner in consultation with us. ~~Therefore~~ Thereafter the amount of donation that has to be paid by us can be fixed.

11 It is the desire of my mother that this institution may be raised to the first rate institution in the state and requests for your personal care and guidance to see it through for every

- is needless to say the construction of this temple will n t only improve the locality but also beautifies the town infusing a new life.

I am inclined to state that circumstances permitting, on either side of the diety, Goddess Parvati (Lord Siva's Favourite) and God Ganesha may also be installed in the same shrine or in seperate shrines along with Navagrahas-the nine deputies of Lord who guide and rule the Universe according to Hindu mythology as is in the temple donated by Mr. Sajjan Rao at Bangalore.

13 It is fully hoped that this our humble prayer will be met with all your good wishes and generous support to take an early start since we know your philonthropic ideals and admirable qualities of strenuous labours to the state for the tranquility of peace and prosperity of the people.

14 In this connection my mother has desired to mention to your goodself for issue of early orders for the construction of Gopuram to the Ganapathy temple and Surgical Theatre in the Rukmaniyamma Maternity Hospital which were kindly sanctioned by you. The Gopuram of the temple remains unconstructed even after the opening functions and daily worship which is quite against the principles of hindu shastras. This item was no doubt included in the original plan within the estimate but all the money was utilised without it. The absence of Gopuram is keenly felt by all observers.

I am afraid I have taken you through the very long contents of this letter exercising your patience amidst your numerous engagements for which I may be pardoned. Hoping this finds you in the enjoyment of excellent health.

With our deep regards and salams from mother for your continued good wishes and thanking you in anticipation of favourable orders and reply.

I remain,
Yours very Sincerely,

26.6.39

(Sd) M.L. Keshava Murthy
5th son of,
Late Mr. Mysore Lachia Setty.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 33 Cess Petn *Dated, Bangalore,* 7th July 193 9

Revy 403-38-2

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for favour of a report a petition in original, dated 26th June 1939 addressed to the Dewan of Mysore, by Mr.M.L.Keshava Murthy of ~~Mysore~~ Messrs.M.Lachiasetty & Sons., Coffee Planters and Merchants, Chickmagalur, requesting for a liberal grant for the renovation of the Sri Iswara Temple on the Chickmagalur-Mudigere Road. In this connection I am to state that this is a good apportunity for restoring the temple and that it is desirable to render what little help may be possible in the matter. A plan and estimate for renovation may be got prepared and the amount that Mr.Keshavamurthy will contribute towards such renovation may also be ascertained definitely. This may be kindly treated as urgent.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for General Secretary to Government.

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No. 33 / Qem Peta

To The M.C in Ajra

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Date of issue.....7-7-39...

Signed by Sd/- S.K.V.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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A plan + estimate for renovation may be got prepared + the amount that Mr Keshavamurthy will be contribute towards the such renovation may also be ascertained depending - this may be kindly treated as urgent

WD 0278—GPB—30,000—4-3-38

Mr. L. Keshava Murty
of

MYSORE LACHIA SETTY & SONS,
GIRI COFFEE WORKS,"
CHIKMAGALUR.

Branch: MANGALORE.

TELEGRAMS: LACHIASETY - CHIKMAGALUR
BEVERAGE - MANGALORE.
TELEPHONE: No 46 MANGALORE

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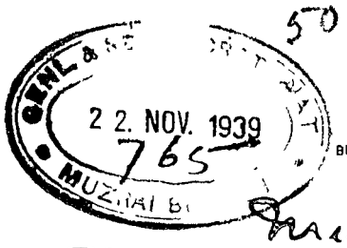

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Chikmagalur, 20th Novr '39.

Mr MR
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Rjamantrapravina
K.V. Anantharaman, Esq.,
Second Member of Council Govt. of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Honoured Sir,

I beg to present herewith a copy of the letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur District in connection with renovation of Sri Iswara Temple at Chikmagalur and our humble donation made thereof, for your kind information. I make this special request to you Sir, for your kind best wishes and to give the matter your most liberal consideration for Government grant and favourable orders for the success and completion of the scheme which is the prayer of us all. With deep respects and regards.

Yours very Sincerely,

20/11

Muzrai
21.11

From,

M.L. Keshavamurthy
of Messrs. M. Lachia Setty & Sons,
CHIKMAGALUR.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Muzarai Department,
Kadur District,
CHIKMAGALUR.

Dear Sir,

RENOVATION OF SRI ISWARA TEMPLE.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter D.O. No.5/202/38 dated 6th instant as also the previous letter of even number dated 13th and 17th October together with copies of the plans and Executive Engineers report for which I am very thankful.

The four copies of plans that I received were only a set of two plans in duplicate of which I informed and returned one set to your honour personally and have retained the duplicate set with me by your kind permission as I had requested for same for my reference.

As regards the donation that I have been now asked to intimate of the amount that will be contributed towards the renovation, I have the pleasure to state that my beloved mother and brothers have directed me to announce our humble offer of a sum of rupees 15,000/- (fifteen thousand) and I am rejoiced to say that this figure was unanimously arrived at by their expression quite in concurrance with the figure I had resolved in myself for the construction when announcing at the temple during your presence on 2nd June last.

Apart from the considerations of confining to the scheme within the limits of our own contribution as the Government may be inclined to deliberate over on the rigid principles of donors disposition and exposition, I was deeply contemplating when I wrote the petition to the Dewan Saheb that unless government aids more liberally than the donors no large schemes can be completed successfully and to the

and to the satisfaction of everybody; and in view of the advantages derived to the public by causing every necessary improvement for the locality and development of the institution as an asset to the place in all aspects of social and religious benefactions, I thought, that Government would at least contribute to an equal extent as the donors when they have voluntarily come forward even in times of depression with a liberal mind for a Muzarai Instituion at a time when the whole building is utterly dilapidated. But to my great surprise I have been asked to mention our contribution without making any condition regarding the Government grant. Hence I have no option but to say, as desired, and as I had anyhow expressed to your honour during conversation even earlier than the direction, I do not hesitate to mention and make no reservations about the offer and to state - that our contribution of rupees fifteen thousand (15,000/-) may be taken as unconditional and be pleased to call it "THE SRIMATHI RUKMINIYAMMA LACHIASETTY AND SONS DONATION".

Whatever may be the Governments position or attitude towards their contribution I wish to express some of the ideas that were in my mind in furthering the interests of the institution for kind consideration by Government and your valuable recommendations towards realisation of same as and when possible.

1. It is desirable that a Shankara Mutt be established in the premises of the temple with the prathista of Sri Shankara-charya, the avatar or embodiment of Lord Iswara, as a necessary adjunct to the institution by an apt significance of it and in commemoration of His Holinesse's visit to the town for the unique performance of Sri Ganapathi temple prathista very rarely undertaken by the peeta, as I understand, in the history of Sringeri Mutt except at Bangalore and Kalati in Travancore state where only those Mutts stand established including in the capital city of Mysore in memory of such historical functions and visits. Hence the establishment of

establishment of a Mutt in an important and ancient temple like this, will not only render greater prominence to the institution as a centre of three malanad districts viz. Hassan, Kadur and Shimoga but also gives an impetus to the moral and cultural side of the people. Happily the temple is situated in a beautiful place for the purpose and commands all necessary envirnments. In this connection I consulted Gurusevapravina Sri Srikanta Shastriar Esq, of Sringeri Mutt who was immensely pleased to hear of the temple renovation and all the ideas behind it and promised to recommend and render all such help he can in the matter. Regarding the finding of way and means of doing it will rest in the hands of Government and Sringeri Mutt.

2. It is seen that the District Forest Officer's quarters with its open yeard is lying quite close and mars the beauty of the temple and in order to give a clear sight of the temple on all directions and to square up on all sides for a compound with an access to the existing roads on each side it is essential that this land is acquired and I think this can very conveniently be done without much cost.

3. Similarly there is a vacant sight quite opposite the temple main portion by the side of the District Forest Officer's quarters extending as far as the road on the eastren face as can be seen in the plan. I was under the impression that this land belonged to the temple but as some doubt occurs, this may be investigated. If it is not the property of the temple it may be muncipal land but to my knowledge it is no private land. This land is very necessary to be added on to the temple and might cost very little in that locality not exceeding a nominal upset price.

4. Regarding the plans and estimates I am very thankful for the great pains and interest taken by the Executive Engineer Mr. M. A. Ramanujam and the staff for preparing them and I leave to the discretion of the Government to adopt such plan and estimate as they find convenient under the circumstances in

Mr. C. E. NORONHA, M.A.,
Private Secretary.

Secy 403-38.4

Bangalore

Dated 21st November 1939.

GENL & REV. SEC. 23. NOV. 1939 772

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant to the Dewan in regard to the proposal for the renovation of the Sri Iswara Temple at Chickmagalur and to say that the matter is being referred to the General Secretary to Government.

As regards the question of starting a maternity hospital at Sringeri, I am to say that the proposal was considered and ordered to be dropped last November as the Sringeri Jahagir was not in a position to bear the charges on account of such a hospital.

As regards the question of starting a Commercial ~~School~~ College in Bangalore, I am to inform you that no representations have yet been made to Government on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

C. E. Noronha

DEWAN'S OFFICE 22 NOV. 1939 24.1042

M.L. Keshava Murthy, Esq.,
Giri Coffee Works,
Chickmagalur.

From,

H.L. Keshavamurthy
of Messrs. M. Lachia Setty & Sons,
CHIKMAGALUR.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Muzarai Department,
Kadur District,
CHIKMAGALUR.

Dear Sir,

RENOVATION OF SRI ISWARA TEMPLE.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter D.O. No.5/202/38 dated 6th instant as also the previous letter of even number dated 15th and 17th October together with copies of the plans and Executive Engineers report for which I am very thankful.

The four copies of plans that I received were only set of two plans in duplicate of which I informed and returned one set to your honour personally and have retained the duplicate set with me by your kind permission as I had requested for same for my reference.

As regards the donation that I have been now asked to intimate of the amount that will be contributed towards the renovation, I have the pleasure to state that my beloved mother and brothers have directed me to announce our humble offer of a sum of rupees 15,000/- (fifteen thousand) and I am rejoiced to say that this figure was unanimously arrived at by their expression quite in concurrance with the figure I had resolved in myself for the construction when announcing at the temple during your presence on 2nd June last.

Apart from the considerations of confining to the scheme within the limits of our own contribution as the Government may be inclined to deliberate over on the rigid principles of donors disposition and exposition, I was deeply contemplating when I wrote the petition to the Dewan Saheb that unless government aids more liberally than the donors no large schemes can be completed successfully and to the

and to the satisfaction of everybody; and in view of the advantages derived to the public by causing every necessary improvement for the locality and development of the institution as an asset to the place in all aspects of social and religious benefactions, I thought, that Government would at least contribute to an equal extent as the donors when they have voluntarily come forward even in times of depression with a liberal mind for a Musaral institution at a time when the whole building is utterly dilapidated. But to my great surprise I have been asked to mention our contribution without making any condition regarding the Government grant. Hence I have no option but to say, as desired, and as I had anyhow expressed to your honour during conversation even earlier than the direction, I do not hesitate to mention and make no reservations about the offer and to state - that our contribution of rupees fifteen thousand (15,000/-) may be taken as unconditional and be pleased to call it "THE [illegible] KUNTIYANA LAGHIASETTY AND SONS DONATION".

Whatever may be the Governments position or attitude towards their contribution I wish to express some of the ideas that were in my mind in furthering the interests of the institution for kind consideration by Government and your valuable recommendations towards realisation of same as and when possible.

1. It is desirable that a Shankara Mutt be established in the premises of the temple with the prathista of Sri Shankara-charya, the avatar or embodiment of Lord Iswara, as a necessary adjunct to the institution by an apt significance of it and in commemoration of His Holiness's visit to the town for the unique performance of Sri Ganapathi temple prathista very rarely undertaken by the peeta, as I understand, in the history of Sringeri Mutt except at Bangalore and Palati in Travancore state where only these Mutts stand established including in the capital city of Mysore in memory of such historical functions and visits. Hence the establishment of

establishment of a Mutt in an important and ancient temple like this, will not only render greater prominence to the institution as a centre of three malnad districts viz. Hassan, Kadur and Shimoga but also gives an impetus to the moral and cultural side of the people. Happily the temple is situated in a beautiful place for the purpose and commands all necessary envirnments. In this connection I consulted Guruseva pravina Sri Srimanta Shastriar Esq, of Sringeri Mutt who was immensely pleased to hear of the temple renovation and all the ideas behind it and promised to recommend and render all such help he can in the matter. Regarding the finding of way and means of doing it will rest in the hands of Government and Sringeri Mutt.

2. It is seen that the District Forest Officer's quarters with its open yeard is lying quite close and mars the beauty of the temple and in order to give a clear sight of the temple on all directions and to square up on all sides for a compound with an access to the existing roads on each side it is essential that this land is acquired and I think this can very conveniently be done without much cost.

3. Similarly there is a vacant sight quite opposite the temple main portion by the side of the District Forest Officer's quarters extending as far as the road on the eastern face as can be seen in the plan. I was under the impression that this land belonged to the temple but as some doubt occurs, this may be investigated. If it is not the property of the temple it may be muncipal land but to my knowledge it is no private land. This land is very necessary to be added on to the temple and might cost very little in that locality not exceeding a nominal upset price.

4. Regarding the plans and estimates I am very thankful for the great pains and interest taken by the Executive Engineer Mr. M. A. Ramanujam and the staff for preparing them and I leave to the discretion of the Government to adopt such plan and estimate as they find convenient under the circumstances in

under the circumstances in consultation with the Government architect as suggested by the Executive Engineer in his report and with the final approval by the beloved Dewan Saheb. If convenient Gurusevapravina Sri Srikanta Shastriar Esq and Silpi Siddanti Siddalinga Swamiyar Esq may also be consulted regarding Vedic and Silpi shastras to be observed. When I showed the plans to Mr. Sidoalingaswami in connection with the images and Bhaktivigrahas to be prepared he suggested that to suit the size of them, the measurements of the Shrines may be altered for 10½' X 10½' ft. against 12' X 9' in the centre and for 7½' X 7½' ft against 6' X 6' on the sides provided in the plan. Regarding gopuram etc he said he might have something to suggest if he will be consulted later on as he has no leisure to study at the time.

5. In my opinion a fountain may be provided in front of the temple of which I forgot to suggest for locating the same when preparing the plan.

I conclude with a prayer that the Government may be gracious enough to generously view the schems for their liberal contribution taking into consideration of a considerably large amount we have donated other than several other charities and besides the monies we have to spend for the images, Bhaktivigrahas, ceremonies etc.

We are anxious especially our dear old mother for early Government orders and request for the communication as soon as granted.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Respected Sir,

Yours very Sincerely,

(M.L. Keshava Murthy) 18/11/39

With respects & regards

" Copy " for kind information and favourable orders

The Dewan of Mysore
Bangalore.

19/11/39

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

No. C. 47/39-40.

Encl: 1 Letter (copy)
Estimates, Plans
and file of records

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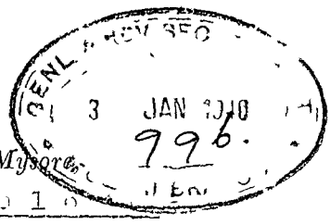

FROM

RUKN-UL-MULK
S. ABDUL WAJID, B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

To

... *Secretary to the Government of His Highness*
the Maharaja of Mysore.

..... *Department.*

SIR.

Renovation of Sri Ba ... ple at Chidarig-ur.

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estimate "A" may be adopted, and forwarded the final design revised in respectof the elevation. This is marked A. As the cost of estimate will be very high compared with the donation amount, only the essential works have to be taken up, I think, omitting certain items shown as 1, 2 etc., in the estimates, which have to be taken up in due course when funds become abailable.

In the above circumstances, I request that orders of Government may kindly be obtained very early as prayed for by the donor with regard to the acceptance of the donation of Rs.15000/- and to its utilisation for the renovation of the temple and to the plans and estimates to be adopted for the renovation.

" COPY."

M. N. Ramachar.

For Puzrai Commissioner.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 3rd/4th January 1940.

No. 1639

Judg 403-38-6. With enclosures

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.47/39-40 dated 30th December 1939, regarding the ~~restoration~~ renovation of the Iswara Temple, Chickmagalur, I am directed to state that the matter may be submitted to Government after the donor has deposited the amount with Government. I am to add that in any case, in view of the commitments of Government and the large number of institutions deserving of grant, such a large grant as recommended cannot be made and that the utmost that can be thought of is an amount similar to the one given to the Sri Ganapathi Temple.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For General Secretary to Government.

K.V.R.2.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, ~~31st January~~ 5-2-1940.

No. 1639. Judl 403-38-6. with enclosures

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.47/39-40, dated 30th December 1939, re: the renovation of the Immanteemple, Chikmagalur I am directed to state that the matter may be submitted to Government after the donor has deposited the amount with Government. I am to add that, in any case, in view of the commitments of Government and the large number of institutions deserving of grant, such a large grant as recommended cannot be made and that the utmost that can be thought of is an amount similar to the one given to the Sri Ganapathi Temple.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for General Secretary to Government.

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OFFICE OF THE UZRAI COMMISSIONER

Bangalore, .. 11..th. June 1940

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FROM Fakr-ul-Mulk
S. ABDUL WAJID, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore
Bangalore

GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT
18 JUN. 1940
1923.
MUZRAI BRANCH

To

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.(Hon.),
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department

GENERAL
13 JUNE 1940

SIR,

Renovation of Sri Iswara Temple at Chikmagalur.

With reference to your letter No.1639/Muz.403-38-6 dated 5-2-1940 on the above subject, I have the honor to resubmit th connected file of records for orders of Government, as it ha been reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, in his letter No.A5-C.202/38-39 dated 31st May 1940 (copy enclose that Mr. M. L. Keshavamurthy Setty has deposited the amount of Rs 15,000 for the above work on 20th May 1940.

The Deputy Commissioner recommends that the sum of Rs 1500 may be kept in Charitable Deposits till the construction work is taken up. I have informed him that it is not admissible under the rules.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Assistant Commissioner
for Muzrai Commissioner.
(Absent from Head Quarters)

No.A5-C.202/38-39 dated 31st May 40 from the Deputy Commissioner, trict, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Renovation of the Sri Eiswara Temple - Chickmagalur.

With reference to your Memo No.C.47/39-40 dated 8/10th February 1940 on the above subject, I have the honor to state that Mr. M. I. Keshavamurthy Setty tendered the donation amount of Rs 15,000 for the above work on 20-5-40. The amount has been deposited in S.B.Account No.3558 in the Kadur District Treasury. As this is a fairly large sum and has been deposited for religious and charitable purposes sanction of Government may kindly be obtained to treat this as a charitable endowment, so that a higher rate of interest at the rate allowed for charitable endowments may accrue on this amount till it is withdrawn for execution of the work.

I further request that as already recommended in my letter No.A5-C.202/39-0 dated 16th December 1939 necessary orders of Government may kindly be obtained for acceptance of the donation and also regarding the execution of the works

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 20-8-1940

Signed by ..... Asst. S. K. V.

Section Misc

File No. 403-38

Serial No. 7

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read— Correspondence ending with his letter no C47/39-40 dated 11.6.1940 from the Mysore Commissioner requesting sanction to his proposals in connection with the removal of Sri Sakkamma temple at Chickamagalur ~~Order thereon.—No.~~ order No 356-9 on the representation of Sri M.L. Keshava Murthy Pleader Chickamagalur that the Sri Sakkamma temple in Chickamagalur town may be demolished in the interests of the devotees of the temple

May this be—

(i) printed ?

(ii) treated as a standing order ?

(iii) published in the Gazette, English Part ?

(iv) translated ?

(v) placed at the disposal of the press ?

(vi) published in the Gazette Kannada Part ?

has offered a donation of Rs 15000/- for this purpose and has requested for a liberal grant from the State Funds, therefor. The Local Executive Engineer has prepared a plan and estimate for Rs 35,000 for the renovation of this temple in connection with the Govt Architect. As the cost of the estimate for Rs 35000 is more than the donation amount of the Kosbala Mudy, the D.C Kalutara has suggested that only the essential works may be taken up, omitting the less to be taken up in due course when funds become available. Below the sketch of the proposed donation of

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

annually deposited
of Rs 15000/- made by the Kodukkalur on 20.5.1960,
Muthu Pethu to be called
"The Sivanathi Rukmanikamma Lakshmi Pethu and Sundaram" towards the renovation of the temple the Muzrai Commissioner has recommended that a grant of Rs 5000 for the work may be sanctioned from the State funds and that the estimate and plans may be revised for Rs 20,000/- so as to keep the cost within the income.

In the circumstances Government are pleased to sanction ~~the recommendation of the Muzrai Commissioner with the modification that the~~ a grant of Rs 4000/- ~~grant from State funds will be limited to~~ for the purpose, payment being ~~to be~~ spread over two years at Rs 2000 per year ~~each year~~.

~~The contribution from~~ The cost ~~the Ryots~~ being met

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Construction and Repairs
of Municipal Institutions"
the Years 1940-41 and 1941-42

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Read:—

Correspondence ending with letter No.C.47/39-40 dated 11th June 1940 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore requesting sanction to his proposals in connection with the renovation of Sri Iswara Temple at Chickmagalur.

ORDER NO. 356-9/Agri 403-38/7

Dated, Bangalore, the 20th August 1940.

Mr.M.L.Keshava Murthy Setty of Chickmagalur has requested that the Sri Iswara Temple in Chickmagalur Town may be renovated in the interests of the devotees of the locality in general and of the members of his family in particular. He has offered a donation of Rs.15,000/- for this purpose and has requested for a liberal grant from the State Funds, therefor. The local Executive Engineer has prepared a plan and estimate for Rs.38,000/- for the renovation of this temple in consultation with the Government Architect. As the cost of the estimate for Rs.38,000/- is more than the donation amount of Mr.Keshava Murthy, the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District has suggested that only the essential works may be taken up, omitting the rest to be taken up in due course when funds become available. In view of the generous donation of Rs.15,000/- actually deposited by Mr.Keshava Murthy Setty on 20th May 1940 to be called " The Srimathi Rukmaniamma Lachia Setty and Sons' Donation" towards the renovation of the temple, the Muzrai Commissioner has recommended that a grant of Rs.5,000/- for the work may be sanctioned from the State Funds and that the estimate and plan may be revised for Rs 20,000/- so as to keep up the cost within the income.

In the circumstances Government are pleased to sanction a grant of Rs.4,000/- for the purpose, payment being spread over two years at Rs.2,000/- per year, the cost being met from the allotment under "construction and repairs of Muzrai Institutions" during the years 1940-41 and 1941-42.

The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to take necessary further action in the matter.

For General Secretary to Government.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore with papers.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore
The Chief Engineer of Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.

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File No. 403-38

Serial No.

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No. 467. D.O.

To

The Munegar Comm

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Dear Sir,

Date of issue..... 31-8-40

With reference to Govt order No 358-9/Mung dt 3-7-40 dated 20.8.1940 sanctioning a grant of Rs 40 00 to be spread over two years, from out of the allotment for "Construction and Repairs of Munegar Institutions" for 1940-41 and 1941-42 for the renovation of Sri Lakshmana temple at Chickamagalur at an estimated cost of about Rs 19 000/- I am directed to

Signed by Asst S.K.V.

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WD 03695—GPB—30,000—29-1-40

I council inspected the trouble
in May 1940, he ~~he~~ instructed
both the D.C and the Executive
Engineer as to the works that
may be undertaken

Yours Sincerely

Engr.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Dated Bangalore, 31st August, 1940.

D. O. No. O. 467
Muz 403-38

Dear Sir,

With reference to Government Order No. 356-9/Muz. 403-38-7 dated 20th August 1940, sanctioning a grant of Rs. 4,000/- to be spread over two years from out of the allotment for "Construction and Repairs of Muzrai Institutions" for 1940-41 and 1941-42 for the renovation of the Sri Iswara Temple at Chickmagalur at an estimated cost of about Rs. 19,000/-, I am desired to state that when the Second Member of Council inspected the temple in May 1940, he instructed both the Deputy Commissioner and the Executive Engineer as to the works that may be undertaken.

Yours sincerely,

Rukn-ul-Mulk S. Abdul Wajid, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.